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1. The Albanian Army has three divisions; since the last mobilization of January, 1949, three other regiments have been formed, but it is not known whether they compose a new unit of the Army, or of the People's Security Division, or whether they were absorbed into existing units. The three divisions are:

a. 1 Division

Headquarters

One Infantry Regiment
One Infantry Regiment
One Infantry Regiment
One Artillery Regiment

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b. 3 Division

Headquarters

One Infantry Regiment
One Infantry Regiment
One Infantry Regiment
One Artillery Regiment

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3. 5 Division

Headquarter

One Infantry Regiment
One Infantry Regiment
One Battalion
One Infantry Regiment
One Battery
One Battery
One Artillery Regiment
One Battery
One Battery (10

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2. Each Infantry Division consists of:

Division Staff
Division Command
Three Infantry Regiments
One Artillery Regiment
One Independent Formation

a. The Division Staff consists of:

Chief of Staff
Operations Office
Information Office

Personnel Office
Quartermaster Office
Political Affairs Branch

Major
Headed by a Captain, First Class
Headed by two officers, Captain
or First Lieutenant.
Headed by a Captain, First Class

b. The Division Command consists of:

Commanding Officer
Political Commissar

Brigadier General or Colonel
Colonel

c. Each Infantry Regiment consists of:

Three Battalions
One Automatic Weapons Company
One Anti-Tank Company

d. The Artillery Regiment consists of:

One Anti-Aircraft Battery
One Anti-Armor or Anti-Tank Battery
Two Battalions of Field Artillery
One Battalion of 107 mm. mortars

The Anti-Aircraft Battery consists of four anti-aircraft pieces of medium caliber. The Anti-Tank Battery consists of four anti-tank pieces of 40 mm. Each Battalion of Field Artillery consists of three Batteries, each having four field pieces of 76 mm. Each Battery has four elements (sic) and each element has one field piece, fifteen men and six mules. Each Battery also has a Headquarters Company and ten men. Each Mortar Battalion consists of three Batteries, each having four 107 mm. mortars; Batteries have four elements (sic) and a Headquarters Unit of ten men. The elements consist of fifteen men, one mortar and six animals.

e. The Independent Formation of the Division consists of:

One Headquarters Company
One Engineer Company
One Transport Section

Approximately 96-100 men
120 men (for transport and engineering work)
50 vehicles and 100 men

f. Each Battalion consists of:

One Machine Gun Company
Three Platoons

One Mortar Company
Three Companies of Riflemen

Each Platoon consists of one Maxim 7.32 mm machine gun and the element (sic) of eight men and three mules.

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g. Each Automatic Weapons Company consists of:

Three Platoons
Three Squads

Each Squad has a non-commissioned officer and eight men, eight sub-machine guns and one light machine gun.

h. Each Anti-Armor or Anti-Tank Company consists of:

Three Platoons

Six anti-tank rifles of 14 mm.

i. Each Company of Riflemen consists of:

Four Platoons

In addition, one personal mortar (sic) 45 mm., with five men.

Each Platoon has three Squads; each Squad has a non-commissioned officer, seven men, one light machine gun, one sub-machine gun and six rifles.